

ATTENTION CITY COUNCIL.

The other night a man arrived on the train from the south, took a conveyance and had himself driven to the Home of the Ladies' relief society, where he obtained admission on the plea of being sick. Sunday the physician pronounced his case an attack of smallpox, and he was removed to the pest house, taking the place made vacant by the death of Louis Stearn on Friday. Thus the cases of smallpox in this town are again raised to three. This however, is not the point to which THE OPTIC desires to call attention. Investigation brings to light that this second man came from the grading outfit at Ribera, from which also came Louis Stearn, the man who died. It is also reported that there are several others in the grading outfit who now have or will have the disease.

THE OPTIC would suggest that no more of these people be dumped on the town, and that the city council see to it at once. Ribera should be quarantined against, and the railroad notified. The sooner this is done the better it will be.

Since the foregoing was put in print, it has been developed that another man came from Ribera and was taken sick at a lodging house in town, being removed from there to the pest house yesterday. This makes the third case imposed upon this city from the McDonald grading camp, and emphasizes the necessity of quarantining against Ribera. It seems a little strange that the railroad company, which a short time ago was talking about quarantining against the whole Territory, cannot restrain their employees from being among the chief means of spreading the disease broadcast.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Malinda Hesser to Sadie Marwell; consideration, \$1,500; conveys lots 36, 37, 38, block 31, East Las Vegas.

T. Romero and wife and S. Romero and wife to Adela Hild; consideration, \$250; conveys lot in Las Vegas.

First National Bank of Las Vegas to Bernhart and Isaac Appel; consideration, \$ —; conveys lot on Bridge street, Las Vegas.

Jefferson Reynolds and wife to Newton H. Cramer; consideration, \$300; conveys lots 13, 20, block 1, J. J. Lopez addition.

First National Bank of Las Vegas to Ella Nahm; consideration, \$400; conveys lots 4, 5, block 4, Blanchard & Co. addition.

Las Vegas Hill Site Town Co. to Ernest P. Mackel; consideration, \$300; conveys lots 9 and 10, block 36, East Las Vegas.

FATALLY BURNED.

The three-year-old daughter of Dolores Martinez, residing near the race track, was terribly burned at 9 o'clock, yesterday morning. Her mother was away, engaged as a domestic for Mrs. J. L. Lopez, and the little girl was at home with her elder sister, aged 10 years. They were kindling the blaze in the fire place when the younger child's dress caught fire, and before help could be summoned she was fatally, perhaps, burned. Mrs. J. L. Lopez is giving the child every possible attention and Dr. Castello is in attendance.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

ROCIADA, Nov. 21.—This last snow was a blessing but there was not enough of it.

To-day, an order from the postmaster general takes effect, curtailing the Las Vegas-Mora mail route, by only reaching Rociada and returning from here back to Las Vegas, omitting Mora.

Our present mail carrier, Pablo Vilil, has thrown up his contract to take effect on the 27th inst., Damacio Tafuya of upper Las Vegas takes the place.

Public school opens in district No. 12, lower Rociada, today, with Mrs. Frank Trambly as teacher. Ex

DOING WELL.

Professors Wood and Stockman's school has just had four more to enroll in the day school. They do not desire to receive any more in the night school at present, but have room for a few more in the day school.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, was received recently:

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov 8, '98.

J. A. Wood, East Las Vegas, N. M.: Dear Sir—Your remittance to the fund for the erection of a monument in Paris to the memory of General La Fayette is received, and I desire to thank you in behalf of the memorial commission for the amount you have so generously contributed. Yours respectfully,

CHAS. G. DAWES, Treasurer.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

The case of Chas. Collings, of Baldy district, Colfax county, charged with holding up the Denver & Gulf mail train, is still on trial in the U. S. district court to-day. Justice McFie held court until 11 o'clock last night. Sheriff Littrell, of Colfax county, Candido Alona and Wm. Williams, of Springer, and Dr. J. J. Shaler, of Raton, were the witnesses examined. Conductor Frank Harrington, Engineer Wm. Crofoot and several other witnesses for the prosecution were examined this forenoon, court having been opened at 9 o'clock. The case will probably be given to the jury to-morrow afternoon.

THE WEATHER.

At midnight, last night, the thermometer stood 20 degrees above zero; at 4 this morning it marked 7 degrees above; at 6 a. m., 9 degrees above. Apparently, the weather was much colder than this record shows; but the difference between the real and apparent temperature was caused by heavy snow storms in the Raton mountains, giving us moisture, accompanied by a northeastern breeze.

HANDBOOK OF THE TARIFF.

The understanding of the complicated provisions of the new tariff has been greatly simplified by the issuance of this manual. To digest the tariff law is no easy task, but to digest the food taken into the gastric receptacle is rendered easy by the use of that thorough stomachic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It prevents and cures malarial, kidney and rheumatic trouble, remedies nervousness and insomnia, and removes constipation and biliousness. Appetite, as well as the ability to satisfy it without subsequent abdominal disturbance, is restored by this fine stomachic, which also accelerates convalescence. Persons in the decline of life, and the infirm of every age and sex, find it of material assistance.

THAT ALLEGED INTERVIEW.

The readers of THE OPTIC are aware that the charge was made against Judge A. L. Morrison, of Santa Fe, of having spoken unfavorably of the native people of New Mexico in general and of the Republican candidate for congress in particular; the objectionable utterances occurring in an alleged interview during his participation in the Ohio campaign.

THE OPTIC published in full Judge Morrison's repudiation of the interview, which he claims was never given by him to the paper in question. The alleged interview itself appeared in the Ohio State Journal, published at Columbus, the capital of that state, on Thursday morning, October 20th, and is as follows:

Among the callers at Republican state headquarters yesterday was Hon. A. L. Morrison, of Santa Fe, N. M., and collector of the internal revenue at that place. Judge Morrison is one of the best known speakers in Ohio, having been actively engaged in nearly every campaign in this state for the past twenty years. He is here now to fill a number of engagements, and began at Mt. Sterling last night. Mr. Morrison has a pessimistic view of political and other conditions in the Territory of New Mexico, and in a short talk gave the impression that the country was retrograding instead of advancing in the civilization of the nineteenth century. I asked him if there was any chance of the Republicans electing their delegate to congress this fall, and he said that he doubted it. The present delegate, Ferguson, was a good man, though a Democrat, while the Republican nominee was a half-breed Mexican who could not carry his party vote.

"Is there any considerable movement in the Territory toward statehood?"

"There is but it will never be accomplished under the present conditions. The people are not fit for the promotion. The majority are not the kind that are wanted in the Union."

"How did the war effect the Territory?"

"The most of the people in New Mexico took no sort of interest in it. This could hardly be charged to the fact that thousands of the people are of Spanish origin and race, but to the general indifference of the people as a whole. Our quota under the calls of President McKinley amounted to about 1000 men, and of all this number not more than fifty were Mexicans or Spanish. The entire number was made up of the flower and strength of the Territory, the best young men in it, and it nearly broke my heart to see them go, not because they were not needed, nor because I did not admire the patriotism displayed in their enlistment, but I thought that the foreign strain in the population whose forefathers had suffered so much from the cruelty of Spain should be quick to go to the defense of the flag against their old foes."

"Did you have any sons in the war?"

"One, John, who belonged to the Rough Riders under Roosevelt, but it was the sorrow of his life that he did not get into Cuba. When the call came for enlistments my wife said: 'There are six of you men in the family and one must go to the aid of President McKinley,' and John was selected. He was a member of the same troop to which Corporal Nicholas Fish belonged, who fell in battle, and John, who is now at home, is heart-broken almost that he was not in that fight."

Judge Morrison has been collector of the internal revenue about a year, by appointment of President McKinley. He says that place pays about \$3,000 a year.

Women of fashion are invariably in love with themselves.

A VOICE FROM THE HILLS.

Some Rambling Ideas Tensely Expressed by a Valued Correspondent.

Correspondence of THE OPTIC.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. M., Nov. 20.—Now that the returns are all in and reasons are given for the results; all bets paid and all the free whiskey drunk, I presume your columns are open for something else than politics. Not that I have anything of any particular benefit to your readers to offer, but "just to be a doing," as the widow said, when asked what her husband was hung for.

Mr. Editor, did it ever occur to you how little one knows about himself? He hardly knows anything as to who he is or what he has done until he is nominated for some office, then, and only then, does he know who he is and where he is at. He becomes public property, and is set up as a target to be shot at by all kinds of marksmen—and it is wonderful how near the bull's-eye some of the shots hit. It is wonderful how much everybody knows about everybody, and when one is put up to be shot at everybody has a chance to shoot, and they seldom miss a shot. Now that the shooting is over for the next two years we can attend to other matters.

When I was last in Las Vegas I did not call at your office for the reason that when a person comes to the city from the rural districts, I do not care how high up they live, the first question asked after "howdy" is "What do you know?" And as I didn't know of anything of interest I did not call.

I was invited to attend the play by one of your representatives who had comps. and I assure you that I enjoyed it highly. The play put me in mind of when I was on the stage doing the heavy parts; carrying off the dead, etc., but I have passed the limit and I am on the retired list now. But at times when I am alone and looking back, my hair will stand on end and I call out for "another horse," etc., but it soon passes and Richard is himself again.

I am thinking of going to Las Vegas again soon, but before I start I will write Murphey so he can make up some yarn about me. O, how he can tell stories about a fellow and he can make some believe what he says.

I would say a word about this place if there was anything special to say, but at this time all is quiet. Of course we have strikes; not labor strikes but strikes of veins of ore, but that is expected; that is what they are hunting. I believe all are contented and happy, living in hopes and dreaming they have got what they are looking after. So the time passes. Contentment is all, but there are kickers wherever you go.

No flowers are in bloom on the hillside now, but there are some in bloom in my office. The stock is coming in from the hills, looking for winter quarters in the city, which is a sure sign that winter is near. Now I will put on the brakes and come to a stop, assuring you that when anything of interest to your readers happens, such as murder or a marriage, I will communicate such at once. S. E. B.

A man can manage to be comfortable in most any circumstances so long as his feet aren't cold.